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## FOURTH ESTATE TO MEET AT BLOWING ROCK JULY 14-16

Directors of North Carolina Press Association Unanimously Accept Invitation to Hold Annual Session in Resort Town

Blowing Rock, May 11—The North Carolina Press association unanimously elected to hold the 1938 annual convention at the Mayview Manor in Blowing Rock on July 14, 15 and 16. The directors of the press association met in Morganton at the home of Miss Beatrice Cobb, secretary of the association, on May 7, and after considering invitations from many towns, announced that the forthcoming convention would be held in Blowing Rock.

A delegation composed of Thomas Broughton, city editor of the Lenoir News-Topic; C. G. Courtney, Jr. secretary, Lenoir Board of Trade; W. C. Mitcham, Jr., secretary of Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, and Jack Craft, manager of the Mayview Manor, appeared before the meeting and extended the invitation in behalf of the towns of Boone, Lenoir and Blowing Rock, and the other communities of the entire section.

This will be the first time in eight years that the press association has met in Blowing Rock. The last meeting was held at the Green Park in 1930.

Tentative plans have been discussed for the entertainment of the convention, but no definite arrangements have been released.

## BLOWING ROCK ROAD IS CLOSED

Traffic to Be Detoured While Pike is Getting New Treatment of Asphalt

The road between Boone and Blowing Rock was closed to traffic Wednesday morning, in order that a new asphalt surface might be applied before the height of the summer tourist season. Local traffic will be routed to Blowing Rock by way of Aho and Green Park hotel, while through trucks and other vehicles will proceed to North Wilkesboro. The road should be open by the 20th, according to James H. Council, resident maintenance engineer.

Mr. Council states that a new process of surfacing which is far superior to the old method, is being used, but that a few days time is necessary for "curing." He believes that the type of surface which will result, will amply repay the traveling public for the inconvenience caused. The road is now open from Blowing Rock to Lenoir, and Mr. Council desires to thank the people for their co-operation and for their patience while making the necessary detours.

## DRY FORCES TO HAVE FIELD DAY

The United Dry Forces of North Carolina will put on a Field Day in Watauga county the third Sunday in June. The object is to create and stimulate sentiment against the drinking, sale and manufacture of alcoholic beverages in any form whatsoever. There will be some one to speak in a majority of the churches in the county on that day, with a rally meeting in the Boone Baptist church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be a large array of local speakers in the county and several outstanding speakers from outside the county. It is hoped that we can have the greatest meeting of this kind in the history of the county. Let everybody who is interested in this work help to make this a red letter day for Watauga.

M. A. ADAMS, General Field Worker.

## Memorial Service To Be Held On 22nd

A memorial service for those who fell in line of duty during the World War, will be held at the Boone Baptist church at 11 a. m. Sunday, May 22nd, with the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, preaching the sermon.

All ex-service men and their families in Watauga county, are asked to attend. Following the service veterans from various sections will decorate the graves of deceased comrades with flags and wreaths.

## AIR MAIL PLANE TO LAND HERE ON 19TH

In observance of National Air Mail Week, an airplane will land at the Pond Bottom farm on the North Wilkesboro road near Boone, Thursday, May 19th, at 11:40 for the purpose of gathering outgoing air mail from Watauga county. The ship will leave for West Jefferson at 11:55, carrying the first cargo of mail ever to be flown from this county.

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog is urging the people of the county to co-operate with the postoffice department by mailing at least one letter on this date, carrying an air mail stamp.

## VACANCIES EXIST IN C.M.T.C. CAMPS

Several Local Boys Are to Take Military Training; Three Vacancies in County

The procurement campaign for enrollment of trainees for attendance at the citizens military training camp to be held at Fort Bragg, N. C., from June 16 to July 15, is progressing very satisfactorily so far as the total quota is concerned, but it is the desire of the government to open this training to youths of the smaller communities as well as the larger ones. The following young men of Watauga county have already qualified for attendance at this year's camps:

Hite Edward Williams, Mabel; Louis Edward Hartley, Valle Crucis; J. B. Williams, Mabel; Harion Fred Gilliam, Boone; Ernest Evert Fletcher, Mabel; Bert Butler Fletcher, Mabel; Roy Edward Lewis, Todd.

There are still three vacancies in Watauga county to be filled. It is urged that young men between the ages of 17 and 29 desiring attendance at this year's camp send their applications without delay. Mr. W. H. Walker of Boone, who is chairman for this county, will render all assistance necessary to expedite applications and the following physicians have volunteered to examine prospective trainees free of charge: Dr. H. B. Perry, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Dr. R. H. Harmon and Dr. L. D. Hagaman.

Information and application blanks may also be obtained by correspondence direct with the C. M. T. C. Officer, Fort Bragg, N. C.

## Bus Company Buys E. T. Franchise Rights

The Queen City Coach company of Charlotte, has bought western bus franchise rights along the Blue Ridge from the East Tennessee and West Carolina railroad, R. O. Self, chief clerk of the state utilities commission, announced in Raleigh yesterday.

The transfer, Self explained, involved rights to operate from Hickory through Blowing Rock, Boone, Vilas, Valle Crucis, Banner Elk and Elk Park to Johnson City and Erwin, Tenn., and back through Ranssowtown, Swiss and Weaverville to Asheville.

Self said the franchise also covered a "shuttle line" from Swiss through Burnsville, Spruce Pine, Ingalls, Crossnore and Newland to Elk Park.

## Baptist Pastors to Hold Monthly Session Here

The monthly Baptist pastors' and deacons' meeting will be held in the Boone Baptist church next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The topic for discussion will be, "The Need For a Great Revival of the Religion of Christ." All attending will be asked to take part in the discussion:

1. Is There Need for a Revival in the Churches Now?
2. Is a Revival Near as Many Have Been Talking About?
3. What Hinders Us From Having that Needed Revival?
4. What Should We as Preachers and Deacons Do to Bring About a Great Revival?

All preachers and deacons are invited to come to this meeting.

## Reynolds To Deliver Radio Speech Tuesday

Senator Robert R. Reynolds, who is seeking renomination, will deliver a radio address over station WPTF, Raleigh, Tuesday evening, May 17, 7:45 to 8 p. m. This will likely be the only broadcast of the senator prior to the primary on June 4, and the first political address delivered by him during the current campaign.

## VOTERS ASKED TO REGISTER

Registration Books Will Be Open Two More Saturdays; Primary Comes June 4

Those who desire to vote in the primary on June 4th, and whose names are not already on the registration books, are reminded that only two more Saturdays remain for the performance of this duty. On the 14th and 21st the registrars will be at the polling places in the different townships of the county and on other week days will be at their homes or places of business. Saturday, the 28th, will be observed as challenge day.

It is pointed out by election officials that there is no new registration—that those who have previously voted need not re-register, but those who have moved in or have become of age since the last election, must get their names on the books.

To be qualified, a person must have lived in the state for one year and the precinct for four months, and must have reached his 21st birthday by June 4. Persons who become of age or otherwise qualified within the period between May 21 and June 4, will be allowed to register and vote at the polling place on June 4, when the primary is being held.

## SHEEP GROWERS ASKED TO GATHER

State College Specialists Will Talk on Market Conditions As to Lambs and Wool

The county agents are asking all the sheep growers of the county to meet at the courthouse in Boone on Tuesday, May 17 at 9 a. m., to elect a committee for selling the wool and shipping the pooled lambs.

Mr. L. I. Case, extension animal husbandry specialist, and Paul L. Fletcher, livestock marketing specialist of the North Carolina department of agriculture, will be at this meeting to talk on market prospects for lambs and wool, better lamb production, controlling parasites in sheep, and the value of a purebred ram for a grade flock of sheep.

The agents hope that a large number of sheep growers will attend this meeting and elect a good committee to sell the wool and to assist in marketing the lambs.

The sheep growers who attend this meeting will get a lot of valuable information from these specialists about how to manage their sheep so as to get a greater profit from them. If the sheep growers will come out to this meeting and let us know how they would like to have their wool and lambs sold, it will help us to manage the lamb and wool pools more satisfactorily to the farmers.

Every sheep grower should make an effort to be at Boone on Tuesday morning, May 17, at 9:00 o'clock.

W. B. COLLINS,  
H. M. HAMILTON, Jr.

## Library Meeting Here May 18th

W. H. Walker, county superintendent of education, announces that a library meeting will be held at the courthouse in Boone on May 18 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Marjorie Beal, secretary and director of the North Carolina Library commission, will be the guest speaker. Miss Beal will discuss the possibilities of establishing a library through the WPA library project. Everyone realizes the need of a public library for Watauga county, and Mr. Walker asks that "you show your interest by attending this meeting." He emphasizes that this will be a public library and will be open to anyone in Watauga county.

In addition to the talk by Miss Beal, the WPA library and book-lending project of the county will display some of their work of the past year.

## District Federation of Women's Clubs Will Meet Here Friday

A meeting of the District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held on the campus of Appalachian College here Friday, May 13. Clubs of Alexander, Caldwell, Wilkes, Watauga, Avery, Ashe and Alleghany counties are included in the meeting.

All women who are interested in home demonstration work will find this conference most interesting. The program includes several speakers of note as well as recreational and social features.

## June Robles, Four Years After



Four years ago, six-year-old June Robles was kidnaped in Tucson, Arizona, and held for \$15,000 ransom. Following receipt of an anonymous letter, a posse found June in the desert where, according to her, she had been chained in an iron box for 19 days. No one has ever explained the letter and June is reluctant to discuss her experience. Here's June and her sister Sylvia on the anniversary date.

## Historical Data Is Being Sought For Special Edition

"What Do You Remember" Contest is Instituted to Aid in Gathering Material for Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of Local Newspaper; Plans are Going Forward Rapidly for Issuance of Progress Edition in July

Plans for the Fiftieth Anniversary and Progress Edition of the Watauga Democrat during the first week of July are going forward rapidly. Raphe Walters, who has been engaged to direct the anniversary edition, arrived in Boone last Thursday and registered at the Caro-Jean Inn.

Preliminary surveys indicate that the historical sources for feature material are very limited. Records customarily used as the basis in the preparation of such editions were destroyed in the old courthouse fire. Older residents of the community who would have been familiar with such facts are dead.

In order to secure as much and as accurate material of this sort as possible it has been decided to hold a "What Do You Remember?" contest. This contest is open to all of the residents of the area served by the Watauga Democrat. In order to participate contestants must write out the historical facts they remember, giving as much detail as possible. Bring or mail these to the office of the Watauga Democrat accompanied by a first page headline from any issue of the paper. Accurately date each entry. Contestants may make as many entries as they desire provided the information on each entry is different. Each fact of historical interest will credit you with one point toward the three cash prizes of \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00. Wherever possible entrants are expected to note the source of their information and give such data as will make verification of accuracy easily possible. In the event of a tie the prizes will be awarded on the basis of priority in submitting information.

This contest is designed not only to (Continued on page eight)

## NEXT U.D.C. MEET TO BE IN BOONE

Mrs. J. M. Moretz is Named District Director at North Wilkesboro Gathering

Mrs. J. M. Moretz of Boone, was named director of district No. 2, of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at a meeting held in North Wilkesboro Friday morning, and it was determined that the next district meeting will be held in Boone, but the date has not as yet been announced.

Mrs. Moretz has for a long time been prominent in U. D. C. endeavors and her unanimous election came in appreciation of her loyalty to the organization.

Mrs. John Husk Anderson of Raleigh, president of the North Carolina District of the U. D. C., delivered the principal address and those attending were honored at a luncheon at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Herbert Wall, district director, presided and Mrs. John Rowe of Hickory, state recording secretary also attended the meeting.

## DEMOCRATS WILL MEET SATURDAY

Delegates to State Convention Will Be Named and Organization Perfected

The Democrats of Watauga county will gather in convention at the courthouse in Boone next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and will name delegates to the state convention, which will be held in Raleigh May 19, at 12 o'clock.

A county organization will also be formed at this time, and considerable speculation has resulted from the announcement of Chairman Cleve Gross that he could no longer head the executive committee. Principal interest in the convention will center about the naming of Mr. Gross' successor. Precinct meetings were to have been held in the different townships of the county last Saturday, but information is that there was a very light attendance.

## Appalachian Will Open Summer Session June 7

Having run down the curtain on a successful year of regular term activities, Appalachian State Teachers College has launched plans for two six-week sessions of summer school work. The first term will begin June 7 and close July 16 and the second term will run from July 19 to August 26, with but three days between semesters.

In order to satisfy the demand for renewal of all type certificates many new courses have been added. Whereas it was only possible to take class work leading up to a teacher "A" certificate, the new arrangement provides advancement for principals and superintendents as well as the undergraduate. Thirteen instructors, among them five with doctor's degrees, have been added.

## Quarters For College Students Being Sought

The college frequently receives requests from people who desire to room or board in town during the summer season and for apartments for light housekeeping. Anyone interested in keeping summer school students, please call the business office of the college as early as possible. It will be necessary to have such information as the number that can be kept, the cost for one six-week term, etc. Telephone 93

## Rev. Dan Graham to Hold Revival Here

Rev. Dan Graham of Blountville, Tenn., nationally-known evangelistic preacher, and party will start a tent meeting in Boone on May 29, at 7:45 p. m., it was announced Monday.

The meeting will be strictly inter-denominational and will be conducted on a county-wide scale. The large tent used will seat 1,500 to 1,800 people. Rev. Mr. Graham was here Monday to make preliminary arrangements for holding the meeting, and more detailed information will be presented in the next issue of The Democrat.

## THROUGH BUS LINE TO SEA ATTRACTS HORDE OF VISITORS

Near Hundred Down-Staters Attend Celebration in Boone Friday; Greyhound Super-Coach Service Lauded by Many Prominent Guests

Almost one hundred visitors from Piedmont and Eastern North Carolina came to Boone last Friday to attend a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce and to aid in the celebration of the opening of through bus service from Boone to Wilmington, which was inaugurated Saturday morning.

The crowd at the banquet was so large that most of the local people had dinner elsewhere and joined with the visitors later on in the evening at the college auditorium, where there was a large audience. Attorney W. R. Lovell introduced the various speakers.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, in eloquent fashion, welcomed the visitors to Boone and to Appalachian College, and spoke of the manifold advantages which would come to every town between Boone and the sea on account of the inauguration of the super-coach service by the Greyhound lines.

Representative Libby Ward of New Bern, in his response to Dr. Dougherty's address, referred to the so-called "Last Provinces" as one of the most important sections of the state, and referred to Dr. Dougherty, R. L. Doughton and Governor Doughton as some of the most capable men the state has known and who were reared in the northwest. He extended a cordial invitation to the people of this region to visit eastern Carolina.

Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, described the new transportation schedule as a victory for co-operation and reminded his hearers of a meeting held in his city in 1920 to inaugurate a movement for good roads in the northwest. He described Boone as being a center of industry, commerce and trade, and dwelt on the resort possibilities of the area. The Appalachian State Teachers College came in for praise by Mr. Martin as

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## AIR MAIL WEEK TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Postmaster Will Use Special Cachet on Air Mail Letters; Asks Co-operation

W. G. Hartzog, local postmaster, announced today that his office would have a special cachet which will be used on all air mail letters during National Air Mail Week, May 15-21. Postmaster Hartzog states that all patrons of the local office wishing a cover containing this special cachet should address their letters to the right of the center of the envelope in order that the cachet can be applied without defacing the address. The special cachet stamp will only be applied during Air Mail Week. The local postmaster stated that the goal of Air Mail Week is "One air mail letter each day from each citizen", and it is hoped that the citizens of Boone will add the additional three cents to all their mail during Air Mail Week, which will give a creditable number of air mail letters from this office and will, at the same time, advertise Boone by having cachets distributed throughout the United States. The slogan of the cachet used at this office will be "Heart of the Blue Ridge."

It was also announced today by J. H. McKenzie, state chairman of National Air Mail Week program, that 131 towns throughout North Carolina have secured special cachets for use during Air Mail Week. Chairman McKenzie stated that the response and co-operation that he has received throughout the state is most gratifying. The response from postmasters and citizens in the smaller communities indicated to him that the public generally is becoming more and more conscious of the advantage of the use of the air mail service in all sections of the state. The list of postoffices in Watauga county that will have a special cachet for National Air Mail Week are Boone, Laxton, Sugar Grove and Valle Crucis.

The cachet used by the Sugar Grove postoffice bears the inscription, "Heart of the Hills." This office, incidentally, is the oldest in the county, having been established 100 years ago.